or Scheduled Tribe in relation to any State or Union Territory.

(b) and (c) A Statement is enclosed.

(d) and (f) Proposals for the inclusion of various fisherman communities in the SC/ST lists of the representative States/UTs are under the consideration of the Government.

STATEMENT

'Majhwar', 'Gond', 'Mallah', 'Beldar' and 'Dewar' are specified as Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes in relation to the following States/Union Territories :

(i) Majhwar : as Scheduled Caste in Uttar Pradesh and Scheduled Tribe in Madhya Pradesh.

(ii) Gond : as Scheduled Caste in Uttar Pradesh and Scheduled Tribe in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

(iii) Mallah : as Scheduled Caste in Delhi and West Bengal.

(iv) Beldar : as Scheduled Caste in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(v) Dewar : as Scheduled Caste in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

'Turaiha' (not 'Turajha') is a scheduled Caste in Uttar Pradesh. 'Majhi' and Majhi (Nepali) (not Maazhi) are specified as a Scheduled Tribe in Madhya Pradesh and a Scheduled Caste in Sikkim, respectively. As such, persons belonging to these communities are eligible for SC/ST certificates in respect of the States/UTs in relation to which they have been so specified. Fishing is the traditional occupation of some of these communities.

Recommendations of Mandal Commission

5438. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Mandal Commission have been implemented in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken against the officers entrusted with the task of implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is complete ban on outside recruitments in non-gazetted cadres except in case of Junior Telecom Officers. In the case of JTO's Mandal Commission recommendations are being implemented by MTNL.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

(d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Construction of Hostels in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

5439. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the hostels constructed for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during the last three years, location-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for the construction of Hostels during the above period; and

(c) the number of hostels under construction and proposed to be constructed during 1996-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) A location-wise list of hostels for which the grants were released by the Ministry of Welfare for SC/ST students in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during the last 3 years is given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(b) The financial assistance provided for construction of Hostels for SC/ST Boys & Girls is in the enclosed Statement-II.

(c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that they are not sending any new proposal for construction of hostels for SC/ST boys & girls and instead they would accord priority to complete the on-going construction work. No fresh proposals has been received from the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh for ST Boys & Girls hostels and from the Government of Maharashtra for construction of SC/ST boys and girls hostels.